



School newsletter 3rd April 2025



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Headteacher's insight

As we end a busy and productive Spring Term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on everything our children, staff, and the wider school community have achieved together. This term has been filled with **remarkable progress, exciting learning experiences**, and plenty of **memorable moments**.

Our children have demonstrated **resilience** and **enthusiasm** in the classroom, embracing the challenges of their studies with **determination** and a **positive attitude**. From engaging in **creative projects** to achieving **outstanding results** in **assessments**, I am proud of all their efforts and accomplishments.

A specific highlight for me has been the opportunities to have parents and carers in to school. Increasing these opportunities is a focus for us and from a **woodwind instrumental showcase** in Year 5 to our **acrobatics club performance** along with **family workshops** during Science week, **Reading breakfast** as part of World Book Day and **Parents Evening** for all children it has been a pleasure to experience these opportunities together.

As we move into the summer term, we look forward to further growth and progress. It will be an exciting time, with many events and opportunities for our children to showcase their talents and hard work. I am confident that, with the continued support of our dedicated staff, parents, and the local community, we will finish the academic year on a high note.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support and hard work throughout the term.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting and successful Summer Term on **Wednesday 23rd April**.

Mrs Thompson





News from our classrooms

Starfish Class

Starfish class have been completing their unit on Everyday Materials by testing materials for absorbency, waterproofness and strength. We have carried out fair tests and collated our findings into tables. This week we are consolidating our data in order to discuss which material is 'best'.



Narwhal Class

Narwhal Class enjoyed making seasonal vegetable tarts in DT this week. We cooked puff pastry, passata and cheese in the oven before adding a range of fruits and vegetables as toppings.



Stingray Class

The Stingrays had a brilliant time at the University of Cambridge Chemistry Lecture. It had all the bangs, flashes, smoke and fire you could possibly wish for and a great deal of fascinating information explaining everything too. In our D&T lesson, the pupils are learning to chop vegetables carefully!



Important:

Please could we prompt all families to check if you have any books at home that belong to us. Particularly any Rocket Phonics books as these are vital to delivering the scheme to a high level. Thank you for your support with this.





House Point Totals

4th - franklin 103

3rd - Darwin 108

2nd - Blackburn 119

1st - Hawking 152

This week we wish these members of our school family a very happy birthday:

Sienna and Jayden (Dolphins)

Hugo and Lexi (Starfish)

Abigail (Jellyfish)



Term Dates 2024-2025

SPRING TERM 2025

Inset Day – Thursday 6 January

Spring Term Starts – Tuesday 7 January

School Ends – Friday 14 February

Half Term - 17 February - 21 February

School Starts – Monday 24 February

Spring Term Ends – Friday 4 April

SUMMER TERM 2025

Inset Day – Tuesday 22 April

Summer Term Starts – Wednesday 23 April

May Bank Holiday – Monday 5 May

School Ends – Friday 23 May

Half Term - 26 May – 30 May

Inset day – Monday 2 June

School Starts – Tuesday 3 June

Summer Term Ends – Wednesday 23 July

Upcoming events and reminders

April

4th- Mad Hair Day

4th - Easter Raffle Drawn

4th - Last Day of Term

23rd - Summer Term Begins



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Fen Ditton
PTFA

The PTFA would like to thank all parents and children that joined the Easter Treasure Hunt at the Fen Ditton Rec last Saturday. The weather was great and the pile of chocolate eggs went down very quickly!

**THANK
YOU**

Overall the PTFA raised over £250, which will be used to support various projects at school.

The PTFA would really want to thank the Reed Education team (a partner recruitment agency who help find good teaching and support / Teaching assistants for the school) for the donation of the eggs.

**AND TOMORROW
IS.....**

MAD

H A I R

DAY

Friday 4th April 2025

Dare to bring your maddest hair to win the prize!

One prize per class

Fen Ditton
PTFA
Reg charity Nb 1202353

If you would like to make a £1 donation to the PTFA, please put it in the buckets that will be available in the playground

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As our pupils and their families get set for the Easter break, I would like to take this opportunity to share some key highlights of the work Anglian Learning has undertaken during an empowering Spring term.

I begin with a warm welcome to Clare Community Primary School, based in Clare, Suffolk, who joined Anglian Learning alongside Stour Valley Community School on 1 March 2025. One continued focus across our primary schools has been school improvement. At the start of the Spring term, we were pleased to appoint Laura Rawlings, Deputy Director of Primary Education, who has been supporting our ongoing primary school improvement work, driven by a clear focus on progress, attainment, and targeted support.

This term, our primary school improvement work has been driven by a clear focus on progress, attainment, and targeted support. Working closely with school leaders, we have analysed data forecasts based on progress and attainment over the Autumn term. This has allowed us to reflect on trends, celebrate successes, and identify areas for further development. Alongside this, we have reviewed the excellent work that schools have undertaken towards achieving their academy improvement plan priorities, ensuring a strong alignment between strategy and impact. In addition to Trust-wide priorities, we have also worked directly with school leaders on bespoke school improvement work, providing tailored support to meet the specific needs of individual academies. I wish all families a restful Easter break and thank you for your continued support. For more information on our Trust's activities, please visit our website www.anglianlearning.org, or follow us on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.

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